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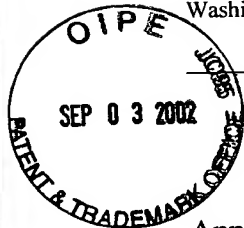
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Applicant: Sundstrom et al : Paper No:
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For: **Modified Cytokine Receptor Protein**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box CPA
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Dear Sir:

The present Amendment is submitted with a Request for Continued Prosecution Application. In response to the Official Action dated May 2, 2002 in the parent application, please amend the present Continued Prosecution Application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 7-9 to read as follows:

7. (Amended) A modified human growth hormone receptor (hGHR) according to claim 6 having 31 or 32 terminal amino acid residues removed in its N-terminal end.

8. (Twice Amended) A modified human growth hormone receptor (hGHR) according to claim 6 having 3 or 4 terminal amino acid residues removed in its C-terminal end.